Dual Citizenship

†*73. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received by the Central Government till date with respect to giving dual citizenship;

(b) the number of citizens who have been given dual citizenship, till date;

(c) the number of persons whose representations for dual citizenship are pending and the date from which they are pending; and

(d) by when these representation would be disposed of and what are the reasons for delay in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) As on 25.07.2006, 88,053 persons have filed online applications for registration as OCI. Of the above, 49,873 applications have been acknowledged by the Indian Missions/Offices and 41,536 persons have been granted registration.

(c) and (d) As on 25.07.2006, 8337 applications are under prcoess. The applications are normally disposed of within 30 days of their receipt provided they are complete in all respects. Missions have been advised to expedite the disposal of these applications.

Preparations for Commonwealth Games

†*74. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details pf preparations being made for Commonwealth Games to be held in 2010;

(b) the total number of schemes chalked out by Government of NCT of Delhi and other State Governments for conducting Commonwealth Games; and

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(c) whether the scheme has been formulated to ensure that tourists visiting India as well as local residents do not face any problem during the Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Various institutional arrangements have been made at the level of the Government of India and the Government of Delhi to ensure proper planning and preparations for the organization of the Commonwealth Games-2010 and their smoth conduct. These include a Core Group of Ministers chaired by the Minister for Human Resource Development to take decisions regarding various aspects related to the organization of the Games, an Apex Committee in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports chaired by the Minister (Youth Affairs and Sports), a Committee to Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Group of Ministers and other related matters, and an Organizing Committee for the conduct of the Games headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association. At the level of the Government of Delhi, the Lt. Governor would have overall responsibility regarding security, law and order and matters pertaining to DDA, and there is a Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi for other matters falling within the jurisdiction of the State Government in terms of the planning and requirements of upgradation of civic infrastructure, etc.

Decisions regarding the venues for the 15 disciplines for the Commonwealth Games (already approved), and 3 disciplines proposed/ likely to be included, and for the Games Village, which is to be developed by the DDA, have already been taken. Further action by all the concerned agencies is being closely monitored to ensure that all the required facilities are established well in advance before the Games.

(b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has submitted a proposal for an amount of Rs. 770 crores for the upgradation/development of the required city level infrastructure including roads, transport, power, water-supply/ sewerage, health facilities, traffic and security etc. to the Planning Commission, which is under active consideration. The State Government of Maharashtra has also submitted a proposal to the Planning Commission for the creation/upgradation of civic infrastructure with reference to the Commonwealth Youth Games-2008 at Pune.

(c) The plans/proposals for the development/upgradation of the required infrastructure include action for providing additional rooms for accommodating tourists during the Games, plans for providing adequate parking and smooth movement of tourists and the residents of the city during the Games, and for provision of connectivity through an inter-modal system comprising Rail, Metro and bus transport system, including connecting feeder services and large scale park and ride facilities, etc.

Change in method of fixing royalty given to State Governments

†*75. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to fix the royalty given to the State Governments in respect of coal production, change in the existing method is being contemplated;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed method and whether it is a fact that by adopting the proposed method costs of the products are bound to rise; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the estimated price rise due to adoption of the proposed method?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN): (a) A Committee was constituted on 02.06.2005 under the Chairmanship of Shri Pradeep Kumer, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal to consider the issue of revision of rates of royalty on coal and lignite. The Committee, after detailed deliberation with all stakeholders, submitted its reports to the Government on 14.07.2006.

(b) and (c) The Committee has recommended rates of royalty, which is a combination of specific and *ad-valorem* rates of royalty. The report is being examined by the Government.

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